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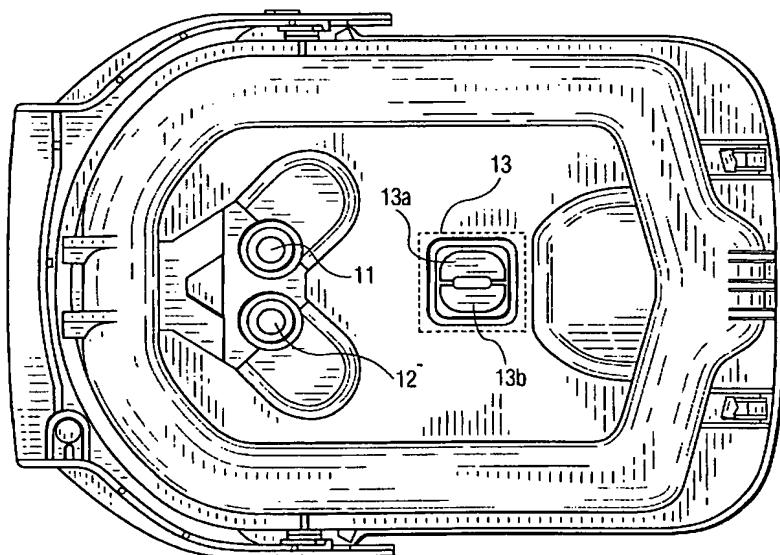
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(57) Abstract: An automatic external defibrillator electrode package (10; 20; 30) includes a coded conductive label (13; 23; 33) that uniquely identifies the type of automatic electrode contained therein. Pins (42a-d) on the defibrillator body (40) make electrical contact with the conductive label (13; 23; 33) when the package (10; 20; 30) is attached to the defibrillator (50). These pins (42a-d) sense the shape of the conductive label (13; 23; 33) to ascertain the electrode type, thereby enabling the AED (50) to automatically set the proper operating mode.

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